

## All-Musical Program \* For Plymouth Rock Center

Blair McClosky announces an all musical program for the 1952 season of the Plymouth Rock Center of Music and drama at the Duxbury Playhouse. Because its staff and Board of Directors felt last year's opera and concert productions surpassed the plays in quality and received more enthusiastic response from Duxbury residents, the Center has laid out ten weeks of two orchestra concert and eight opera productions for 1952.

The first curtain goes up on Mozart's *THE IMPRESSARIO* and Alan Davis's *THE ORDEAL OF OSBERT* on June 25. *A TREE ON THE PLAINS*, a contemporary work by Ernst Bacon, will close the season on Labor Day.

All of last year's department heads will return. These are the men whose *DOWN IN THE VALLEY* and *MARRIAGE OF FIGARO* filled the Playhouse last year. Denton Snyder of Smith College will design the sets and supervise technical production. Mr. Snyder on sabbatical from Smith, is already designing the shows for the summer.

### More Mozart

For the fifth consecutive year George Poinar will come from the Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music to direct the orchestra. Mr. Poinar and Mr. McClosky have conferred during the winter and after deliberation over many scores feel that they have struck a program with musical balance. A Mozart devotee, Mr. Poinar has tipped the scales a bit with both *THE MAGIC FLUTE* and *THE IMPRESSARIO* on the list.

Stage Director John Reich has recently finished a new television movie in New York. In spare moments from teaching at Barnard College he is planning summer productions. He is interested in doing *MADAME BUTTERFLY*.

### Chamber Music

The Sunday afternoon chamber music concerts will be held this year in the art gallery. Another innovation for the 1952 season is the formation of the Youth Orchestra. Young musicians from the Duxbury area will have music lessons and orchestra rehearsal *ONE DAY* a week at the Center. (This corrects a previous statement). Mr. McClosky feels this program will serve the community in its music education pro-

The variety of types of music on the schedule should appeal to the widest possible range of musical and theatrical tastes. With a solid foundation of Mozart and Puccini the program goes on to offer works seldom heard in the repertoires of our few permanent opera companies. Even the children—especially those who try out and qualify for the childrens' chorus—will have a favorite in *HANSEL AND GRETEL*.

Enrollment for the Center is running ahead of previous years. Blair McClosky has made several trips to interview singers in mid-western cities and will audition singers in New York in April.

With its ambitious but carefully planned program for 1952 the Center hopes to make Duxbury the site of America's liveliest and most interesting music festivals.

### The Schedule:

June 25-28, *The Impresario*, Mozart; *The Ordeal of Osbert*, Allan Davis; July 2-5, *Orchestra Concert*; July 9-12, *Madame Butterfly*, Puccini; July 16-19, *The Telephone*, Menotti; and *The Old Maid and The Thief*, Menotti; July 23-26, *The Magic Flute*, Mozart; July 30-Aug. 2, *Orchestra Concert*; Aug. 5-9, *Sister Angelica*, Puccini; and *Gianni Schicchi*, Puccini; Aug. 13-16, *Hansel and Gretel*, Humperdinck; Aug. 20-23, *Forty Winks*, Offenbach; and *The Barber of Bath*, Offenbach; Aug. 27-Sept. 1, *A Tree on The Plains*, Ernst Bacon.

## MARSHFIELD GIRL DROWNS

Alma Rogerson, 15, of Allen St., Brant Rock, was drowned Monday when the leaky rowboat in which she was sailing with a smaller sister sank in Green Harbor river.

Sister Arline, 11, managed to flounder to the nearby shore of Tiukham's Island, where she was found unconscious. She was revived by artificial respiration administered by Police Chief Joseph Whalen.

The youngsters' plight was seen from shore by neighbors, who called police, but Alma had gone under before help arrived. The body was recovered later after it was spotted from a forestry division airplane.

## Canasta Party At Legion Hall

The Duxbury Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary met April 15, at Legion Hall with Dorothy Blanchard in charge. Marie Arnold served as sergeant-at-arms in the absence of Daria Gallerani.

Plans were made for a public canasta party on May 6 at 8 p.m. in Legion Hall. Several members plan to attend the 10th District council meeting in Mashpee on May 10. Hostesses were Marie Walker and Mary Shirley. The next meeting will be April 29.

On April 25, a buffet supper will be served for post members and wives at 6.30. At 8 there will be a joint initiation of the Legion and auxiliary with the commander of the 10th District Council, also the director of the council as initiating officers.

Alexander Kroll of Plainfield, N. J., and Duxbury, who is married to the former Nancy Dwinell, has been made vice-president of Young and Rubicam, NYC.

## ROTARY CLUB HEARS MR. LION

Herman F. Lion, prominent local minister, gave to Rotary on Tuesday a fine demonstration of abilities which made him a success in two professions. His sparkling wit, rare good humor, and incisive thinking was much in evidence: he talked on "A New England Looks at the South."

Mr. Lion, who was instrumental in forming the Duxbury Rotary Club and active in its direction until matters of health forced curtailment of his activities, was warmly welcomed in a rising ovation by the club. After his inimitable introduction, which produced paroxysms of laughter, he talked of new kind of melting pot—retirement resorts where people of various business, professional, and geographic backgrounds find themselves in close proximity and how such problems may be solved.

He reminded the club that the medical profession has no monopoly on geriatrics and that the problem of age is one for which all of us should prepare.

### WINS DEBATE

George C. P. Olsson, Clerk of Courts, Plymouth County, defeated Representative Michael McCarthy who spoke for Eisenhower, in the Taft-Eisenhower debate Friday night in Memorial Hall. The vote was 31 to 16. The moderator was Representative John Armstrong of Plymouth. The Plymouth Junior Civic League sponsored the debate at which Ronald Nogueira presided. Each contestant spoke for 15 minutes with a five-minute rebuttal.

The Plymouth area Taft committee has launched an active campaign under such leaders as Senator Edward C. Stone of Barnstable and Representatives Nathaniel Tilden of Scituate and Nathaniel Hurwitz of Cohasset. Mr. Olsson is a Taft delegate.